

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled):

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Claim 5 (New): A packing member for retaining a root of a blade in a fan in a curved socket arranged on a periphery of a rotor disk, the blade having a convex flank and a concave flank,

the packing member being in a form of a curvilinear plate constituted by a metal structure having hollowed out portions filled in by overmolding with a semi-rigid elastomer material, at least on a lateral edge situated on a concave side of the blade between an upstream end zone and a downstream end zone, which end zones are of entirely metal structure, on a lateral edge situated on a convex side of the blade between the end zones and a central zone, that is essentially of metal structure, and on two top portions of the packing member that extend between the two elastomer lateral edges on either side of the metal central zone,

wherein the metal structure further comprises a bottom recess extending over its entire surface between the upstream end zone and the downstream end zone.

Claim 6 (New): A packing member according to claim 5, wherein the bottom recess is connected to the upstream end zone and downstream end zone by crescent-shaped portions.

Claim 7 (New): A packing member according to claim 5, wherein the bottom recess is filled in by being overmolded with the semi-rigid elastomer material.

Claim 8 (New): A packing member according to claim 5, wherein the central zone  
has a profile that is set back relative to a profile of the socket.

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